# Special Recognition: Snohomish County—Transfer of Development Rights Program

# Snohomish County

# -Transfer of Development Rights Program

An innovative, market-based approach that was a designed to conserve the long-term viability of commercial agriculture within the County, while creating development incentives to achieve planned densities under the Growth Management Act (GMA) within urban growth areas

### **Judges' Comments:**

"If successfully implemented, provides a direct, tangible connection between three important goals of the Growth management Act – conservation of natural resource lands, encouraging new growth in urban areas, and reducing sprawl."

#### **Partners**:

The Honorable John Koster, Snohomish County Council; County Executive Aaron Reardon; The Honorable Margaret Larson, Mayor, City of Arlington; Mr. Brent Lloyd, Snohomish County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Mr. Tom Neimann, Principal Planner, Snohomish County Planning and Development Services Department.

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# Acknowledgements:

- Washington Chapter of American Planning Association for sponsoring table centerpieces
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# THE GOVERNOR'S SMART COMMUNITIES AWARDS



June 7, 2006

Commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Growth Management Act

Honoring participants in the 15-year Growth Management Act Oral History Project

# 15-Year Growth Management Act Oral History Project

Thank you for joining us to recognize the outstanding work throughout the state to achieve the goals of the Growth Management Act.

To mark the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Growth Management Act (GMA), the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) interviewed 20 people who envisioned, inspired, and influenced the creation of the act. These interviews make up the Growth Management Oral History Project.

CTED also asked local government and state land use leaders about their experiences with how growth management is working. Summaries of their comments and the oral histories are offered in a report: *Creating Livable Communities: Managing Washington's Growth for 15 years*.

A special *Thank You* to the interviewees for the 15-year Growth Management Act Oral History Project:

The Honorable Jennifer Belcher, David Bricklin,
Tom Campbell, The Honorable Wayne Ehlers, Dick Ford,
Governor Booth Gardner, Senator Mary Margaret Haugen,
Nan Henriksen, Steve Hodes, Charlie Howard,
The Honorable Joe King, Enid Layes, Steve Lundin,
Ron Main, Mike McCormick, Mary McCumber,
The Honorable Busse Nutley, Lucy Steers,
Joe Tovar, Dave Williams

We would also like to thank the Secretary of State's Office for their valuable assistance with this project. To read the oral history interviews, see *www.secstate.wa.gov* and click on Oral History.

Copies of the report and an overview are available at the CTED display, or by calling 360.725.3000, or by viewing www.cted.wa.gov/growth.

#### Governor's Smart Communities Awards

Category C: Development Project to Implement a Plan

#### City of Woodinville

# —Greenbrier Heights: Affordable Housing Community

Greenbrier Heights was developed through a partnership of non- and for-profit developers and government agencies working together to transform a county surplus site into a residential neighborhood affordable to a wide range of incomes.

#### **Judges' Comments:**

"Clear that affordable housing served as well as open space and community amenities." "Housing stock enhanced at affordable level."

#### **Partners:**

City of Woodinville, King County, A Regional Coalition for Housing, Cam West Development, Downtown Action to Save Housing, Shelter Resources, Inc., National Development Council



Category C: Development Project to Implement a Plan

# King County Housing Authority and GGLO —Greenbridge Community

Greenbridge is the name of a revitalized neighborhood that was the former Park Lake Homes public housing project in White Center.

# **Judges' Comments:**

"Great redevelopment project integrating many of the aspects of growth management planning, notably transportation and housing, into a project that has substantial benefit to the community."

#### **Partners:**

GGLO, King County Housing Authority, King County Department of Development and Environmental Services









# Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center Prefunction Room – Level 5 June 7, 2006

#### Program Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Juli Wilkerson, Director,
     Department of Community, Trade and
     Economic Development
- Welcome
  - \* Tacoma Mayor Bill Baarsma, Pierce County Executive John Landenberg
- Commemoration of 15 Years of Growth Management and Oral History Project
  - \* Juli Wilkerson
- Smart Communities Awards Presentation
  - \* Governor Chris Gregoire
- Closing Comments
  - \* Juli Wilkerson

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An impressive body of work by 24 jurisdictions was nominated for the Governor's Smart Communities Awards. It includes some of the best recent examples of creativity and innovation in developing livable communities. The comprehensive work displayed outstanding results in carrying out the Growth Management Act.

#### **List of Nominations Submitted:**

- \* City of Auburn: Auburn Downtown Plan
- \* City of Bainbridge Island: Winslow Tomorrow Urban Design for Downtown
- City of Bellevue: Realizing the Residential Vision in Downtown
- \* City of Bellevue: Development Services Improvement (DSI)
- \* City of Bremerton: Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Code Update
- \* City of Kent: Kent Station
- \* City of Liberty Lake: Comprehensive Plan
- City of Liberty Lake: Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan
- \* City of Moses Lake: Healthy Communities Project
- \* City of Mount Vernon: Healthy Communities Project
- \* City of Mukilteo: Harbour Point Master Planned Community
- \* City of Redmond: Redmond Comprehensive Plan
- \* City of Redmond: Redmond Riverwalk Implementation
- \* City of SeaTac: Cedarbrook Project
- \* City of Seattle: The Nihonmachi Green Street Revitalization
- \* King County Housing Authority and GGLO—Greenbridge Community
- \* City of Woodinville: Greenbrier Heights—Affordable Housing
- \* Jefferson County: Implementing Jefferson County Policy to Support Agriculture while Protecting Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- \* Pacific County: The SeaView Dunes Preservation Project
- \* Pierce County: Biodiversity Planning and Pilot Biodiversity Management Area
- \* Seattle Housing Authority: Livable Communities: From Vision to Reality Transforming Seattle's low-income communities
- \* Snohomish County: Transfer of Development Rights
- \* Tacoma Housing Authority: Large-scale neighborhood redevelopment
- \* Whatcom County: Critical Areas Ordinance Update

#### Governor's Smart Communities Awards

# Category B: Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan

# Jefferson County

# —Support Agriculture while Protecting Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Starting in 2002, Jefferson County launched a four-year effort to maintain and support on-going and existing agriculture by enacting a local ordinance in support of plans allowing for "accessory uses" to agriculture while at the same time protecting the functions and values of fish and wildlife habitat.

## **Judges' Comments:**

"Worked with all stakeholders for a workable solution-not an easy task." "Preserves a key economic aspect of the county, enhances fish and wildlife with both ecological and economic values, preserved open space in a practical way." "Should be used by other counties."

#### **Partners:**

Jefferson County Department of Community Development, Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners, Washington Environmental Council, Conservation District, Chimacum Watershed Agriculture, Fish & Wildlife Protection Plan Committee, all Chimacum watershed agricultural landowners who have worked to protect and improve fish/wildlife habitat on their farms for many years.



# Category B: Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan

#### City of Bremerton

### -Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Code Update

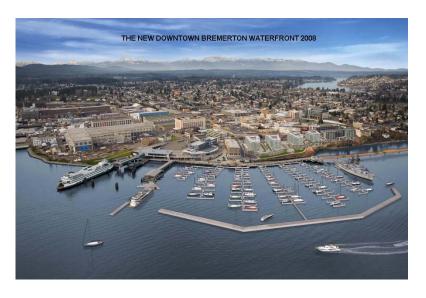
Less than one year after adoption of a ten year comprehensive plan update the city of Bremerton adopted a "cover-to-cover" new zoning code that directly implements the Plan.

### **Judges' Comments:**

"The City moved to put code in place to support the plan on a fast track." "Simplifying the code worked." "The speed with which they matched code to plans is amazing-need more of this."

#### **Partners:**

Mayor Cary Bozeman, Bremerton City Council, City of Bremerton Planning Commission, Department of Community Development



#### Governor's Smart Communities Awards

The Governor's Smart Communities Awards Program has been established to recognize outstanding work by local governments and their partners on growth management and community development. Excellent work is occurring around the state, and this new awards program is intended to highlight those successes.

# Judges for the Governor's Smart Communities Awards

Governor Gregoire invited those who were integral to the passage of the Growth Management Act to judge this first round of nominations, knowing they would bring their enthusiasm and keen intellect to the task.

We particularly appreciate the time and effort that was required in a short timeframe to review the 24 nominations. Having their perspective and prestige involved in the inaugural year of the award provides an appropriate and strong start to this important recognition of local efforts to improve Washington's quality of life.

# A Special Thank You to

Senator Mary Margaret Haugen The Honorable Busse Nutley The Honorable Joe King Dick Ford Nan Henriksen Keith Phillips

# Category A: Comprehensive Planning

#### City of Bainbridge Island

#### -Winslow Tomorrow

The Winslow Tomorrow process produced a visionary, forward thinking yet achievable Urban Design for Downtown Winslow. The plan, crafted by the community, presents a "blueprint" for development and a "green print" for conservation to guide the downtown from a 1950's main street to a vibrant mixed use town center.

### **Judges' Comments:**

"GMA well applied with balance of issues, density, transportation, aesthetics, jobs, revenue." "Excellent example of citizen participation in a comprehensive plan."

#### **Partners**:

Mayor Darlene Kordonowy, Sandy Fisher, Project Director Winslow Tomorrow Congress Committee, Patrick Condon, PMC Associates-Advisor, Charlier & Associates-Transportation Planning, Wenzlau Architects, Studio of William Johnson, PRR-Public Relations, Chuck Depew, NDC, Berger Partnership-Lanscao

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# Governor's Smart Communities Awards

# Category A: Comprehensive Planning

### City of Redmond

#### -Redmond Comprehensive Plan

Redmond's Comprehensive Plan articulates the community's long-term values and effectively shapes how the City looks and feels now and for the future.

#### **Judges' Comments:**

"Good community input." "Really like outreach and innovation in housing." "Especially good example of incorporating a housing element into a comprehensive plan for the community."

#### **Partners:**

Mayor Rosemarie Ives, City Council President Nancy McCormick, Planning Commission Chair Martin Snodgrass

